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Der Reichsminister
für die besetzten Ostgebiete

Berlin W 35, den 31. Oktober 194
Rauchstraße 17/18
Fernsprecher: 21 95 15 und 39 30 46
Drahtanschrift: Reichsministerost

Nr. I / 2591 /41
Es wird gebeten, diese Geschäftszeichen und den Gegenstand bei weiterem Schreiben anzugeben.

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Reichskommissar Ostland
5. XI. 194
Hauptabt.

An den
Reichskommissar Ostland
in R i g a
Hermann Göring Str. 26

Von seiten des Reichs- und Sicherheitshauptamtes wird Beschwerde darüber geführt, dass der Reichskommissar Ostland Judenexekutionen in Libau untersagt habe. Ich ersuche in der betreffenden Angelegenheit um umgehenden Bericht.

Im Auftrag
ges. Dr. Leibbrandt

Beglaubigt
Regierungsinspektor

"ATTACHMENT A (FACE)"

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Der Reichskommissar f. d. Ostland
Ia (Ia) Nr. 2291/41

Riga, den 15.11.41

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An
den Herrn Reichsminister
f. d. besetzten Ostgebiete

Betr. Judenexekutionen
Bez. Erlass v. 31.10.41 I 12591/41
Berichterstatter: Reg. Rat Trampedach

Berlin
Rauchstr. 17/18

ab 28/11

Ich habe die wilden Judenexekutionen in Libau untersagt, weil sie in der Art ihrer Durchführung nicht zu verantworten waren.

Ich bitte, mich zu unterrichten, ob Ihre Anfrage v. 31.10 als dahingehende Weisung aufzufassen ist, dass alle Juden im Ostland liquidiert werden sollen? Soll dieses ohne Rücksicht auf Alter und Geschlecht und wirtschaftliche Interessen (z. B. der Wehrmacht an Facharbeitern in Rüstungsbetrieben) geschehen? Selbstverständlich ist die Reinigung des Ostlandes von Juden eine vordringliche Aufgabe; ihre Lösung aufgeht auf den Notwendigkeiten der Kriegswirtschaft in Einklang gebracht werden.

Weder aus den Anordnungen zur Judenfrage in der „Traumenhaffe" noch aus anderen Erlassen konnte ich bisher eine solche Weisung entnehmen.

2. Nr. 1.12.41 Mo. 1/12.

Vorgelegt 1.12.

"ATTACHMENT A (BACK)"

Fri 8/11

Vr. 8.11.

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State of New York)
County of New York) ss

Max Weinreich, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says that he resides at 119 Payson Avenue, New York City, New York, that he is presently the Research Director of the Yiddish Scientific Institute - Yivo, 535 West 123rd Street, New York City, New York, and has acted in that capacity for twenty-one years, that the Yiddish Scientific Institute - Yivo is an institution for research and training in the Jewish social studies, that in his capacity he acts as supervisor in research by staff members and outside contributors and that he is in charge of the collections of the library and the archives which include a large number of original Nazi documents.

The affiant states that the attached documents, marked Attachment A, Attachment B1, B2, and B3, and Attachment C, are original documents held by the Yiddish Scientific Institute - Yivo. The affiant states that the authenticity of the documents is known to him because of the similarity to other documents held from the same source and by the same writers, that he is acquainted with the handwriting and the signatures and the circumstances under which they were obtained.

Attachment A (face) is described as a letter to the Reichskommissar Ostland, dated 31st of October, 1941, and signed Leibbrandt, written on the letterhead stationery of Der Reichsminister für die besetzten Ostgebiete, serial number I/2891/41.

Attachment A (back) is the reply to Attachment A (face), written in the handwriting of Trampedach and initialed Lohse, Reichskommissar, dated Riga, 15th of November, 1941.

Attachment B1 (face), dated Riga, November, 1941, is a personal memorandum written in the handwriting of Trampedach for his personal files and explaining the reason for the subsequent orders of Attachment B1 (back), B2, and B3.

Attachment B1 (back) is the original draft of the order to the Reichskommissar für das Ostland, the Höherer SS and Polizeiführer in Riga, and the Commissars General in Reval, Riga, Kauen, and Minsk.

Attachment B2 is the typed draft of Attachment B1 (back) on letterhead stationery of Der Reichskommissar für das Ostland and carrying the

serial number Abt. IX a Tgb. Nr. 220/41 g., dated Riga, December, 1941.

Attachment B3 is the final draft of the original order shown in Attachment B1 (back), dated 3rd of December, 1941, and initialed by Trampedach. This attachment carries the same serial number as Attachment B2.

Attachment C is a letter signed Brüttigam to the Reichskommissar für das Ostland, classified "Top Secret" (Geheime Reichssache) and is written on letterhead stationery of Der Reichsminister für die besetzten Ostgebiete, dated Berlin, 16th of December, 1941, with the serial number I/1/1877/41 geh. Reichssache.

The affiant states that the attached documents in addition to about seventy others were found in the Rosenberg building (former Russian Embassy), Unter den Linden, near Brandenburger Tor, in September, 1945. These documents were obtained by Sergeant Sanjko Brydman of the 82nd Airborne Division, a former staff member of the Yiddish Scientific Institute - Yivo, presently employed at the Institute. These documents were found in one of the upper floors of this building.

These documents were forwarded to the Yiddish Scientific Institute - Yivo and have been in their custody and under the supervision of the affiant from that time until the present.

Max Weinreich

Sworn and subscribed before me this sixth day of March, 1946.

Raphael Hagler

RAPHAEL HAGLER

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